Adjective suffixes 1

We often use suffixes to form adjectives from nouns and verbs.

6 Form adjectives from the words in the box and add them to the table. You can use some words more than once. Can you add any more adjectives for each suffix?

TIP: Think about the spelling carefully. Sometimes you need to make small spelling changes. Your answer is only correct if you have spelled the word correctly.

ambition care create danger dare effect embarrass excite help impress nature stress success tradition wonder

-al	-ful	-ing	-ive	-less	-ous

We form some adjectives with less common suffixes. With some other adjectives, we need to change the form of the word slightly when we add a suffix.

7 Complete the sentences with adjectives formed from the word in capitals.

1 She came from a very _____ family. **ART**
2 There is no _____ proof for this. **SCIENCE**
3 The product became a huge _____ success. **COMMERCE**
4 I'm an _____ football supporter. **ENTHUSIASM**
5 The fireworks were really _____. **SPECTACLE**
6 He was one of the most famous athletes of the _____ century. **TWENTY**

Sometimes, you need to decide whether to use an adjective ending in *-ed* or *-ing*.

8 Complete the sentences with the correct *-ed* or *-ing* adjectives formed from the word in capitals.

TIP: An **-ed** adjective describes how you feel; an **-ing** adjective describes a thing that gives you this feeling.

1 It was a _____ exhibition. **FASCINATE**
2 I was _____ to be accepted onto the course. **DELIGHT**
3 We were _____ at his speed. **AMAZE**
4 The show was lively and _____. **ENTERTAIN**
5 We were _____ by the score. **DISAPPOINT**
6 The first few exercises were very _____. **CHALLENGE**
7 The children were _____ to see their cousins after so long. **EXCITE**
8 The book was not as _____ as I expected it to be. **INTEREST**
9 I no longer feel _____ about the same kinds of things as when I was a teenager. **EMBARRASS**
10 The article about the actor was extremely _____. **REVEAL**

SPEAKING BOOST

Discuss or answer.

1 If you could go to any major sports event, which would it be?
2 Are you a competitive person? In what ways?

Adjective suffixes 2

Adjectives can be formed in a variety of ways using suffixes. It's important that you remember the different suffixes and the rules you need to apply when you use them.

9 Form adjectives from the words in the box and add them to the table. Can you add any more adjectives for each suffix?

TIP: Remember to think about whether you need to make any spelling changes.

comfort confidence employ health noise patience please profit rely taste

-able/-ible	-ant/-ent	-y

10 Complete the sentences with the correct positive or negative adjectives formed from the word in capitals.

TIP: Sometimes you have to form an adjective AND add a negative prefix. Think about how to form the adjective first, then decide if the meaning is positive or negative.

1 I enjoyed the film, despite the _____ seat. **COMFORT**
2 The trip didn't go as planned, and there were some _____ difficulties. **EXPECT**
3 It was _____ that the train was a few minutes late, so we managed to catch it. **FORTUNE**
4 I try not to eat _____ foods like cakes and chocolate. **HEALTH**
5 Emojis are not an _____ way to communicate how we feel. **EFFECT**
6 We were very _____ that we didn't win the game. **LUCK**
7 He's so _____ I'm surprised he can find anything! **ORGANISE**
8 My application was _____ so I don't have an interview for the job. **SUCCESS**

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